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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

(Flat-rolled products of iron, non – alloy steel, trailers and semi - trailers)

The following communication, dated 5 October 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Zambia.

The Republic of Zambia hereby submits to the Committee on Safeguards the following notifications:

- a. Initiation of an investigation procedure with a view to the application of a safeguard measure to imports of flat - rolled products of iron, non - alloy steel and trailers; and
- b. Imposition of a provisional safeguard measure.

1 PROVISIONAL SAFEGUARD MEASURES

The safeguard measure is provisional in nature and will last for 180 days from 10 July 2015 to 10 January 2016.

2 DATE OF INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

The investigations were initiated on 10 July 2015.

3 PERIOD OF INVESTIGATIONS

The period of investigation is 10 July 2015 to 10 January 2016.

4 PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATIONS

The list of protected goods is as follows:

HS Code	Description of Goods
7209	Flat-rolled products of iron or no-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, cold-rolled (cold-reduced), not clad, plated or coated.
	-In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced)
7209.16.00	--Of a thickness exceeding 1 mm but less than 3 mm.
7209.17.00	--Of a thickness of less than 0.5 mm or more but not exceeding 1 mm
	-Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced)
7209.28.00	--Of a thickness of less than 0.5 mm

7210	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, clad, plated or coated. -Plated or coated with tin:
7210.11.00	--of a thickness of 0.5 mm or more
7210.20.00	-Plated or coated with lead, including terne - plate
7210.30.00	-electrolytically plated or coated with zinc -otherwise plated or coated with zinc:
7210.41.00	--Corrugated -plated or coated with aluminium
7210.61.00	--Plated or coated with aluminium - zinc alloys
7210.69.00	--Other
7210.70.00	-Painted, Varnished or coated with plastics
8716	-Trailers and semi-trailers
8716.20.00	-Self-loading and self-unloading trailers and semi-trailers for agricultural purposes -Other trailers and semi-trailers for the transport of goods:
8716.31.00	--Tanker trailer and tanker semi-trailers
8716.39.00	--Other
8716.40.00	-Other trailers and semi-trailers

5 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

The investigation were initiated following the examination of safeguard petition of the Domestic Industry alleging serious injury and threat thereof caused by increased imports of the aforesaid goods into the Republic of Zambia. Relevant factors having significant bearing on the present deteriorating domestic industry include the following:

- a. The import of the aforesaid goods has shown increasing trend in absolute terms as well as the relative terms;
- b. Capacity utilisation of the domestic industry has declined in the most recent period;
- c. Share of domestic industry in domestic consumption and domestic demand has fallen significantly; and
- d. Profitability of domestic industry has steeply deteriorated, leading to financial losses.

6 CONTACT INFORMATION

All interested parties may send their views within a period of thirty (30) days as from the date of notification of initiation of investigations to the following address:

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I should be most grateful if all WTO member states could be notified accordingly.

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